

Historic Ellicott City Flood Workgroup

MINUTES

January 11, 2016

Attendance/Roll Call:

Present
County Executive Kittleman
Bob Frances
Mike Hinson
Debbie Slack Katz
Lori Lilly
Ken McNaughton
Ryan Miller
Dave Myers
Ron Peters
Bruno Reich
Kevin Bloom
Mark DeLuca
Raj Kudchadkar
Gary Smith
Jon Weinstein
Not present
Jim Caldwell
Frank Durantaye
Jason McMillan

Bulk of Meeting – The Workgroup presented the final report recommendations to County Executive Kittleman and Council Member Jon Weinstein. Feedback from the County Executive and Council Member Weinstein included:

- Considering the PACE program as a model (?option?) to follow for homeowner and commercial incentive programming;
- Have the public hearing before the end of March, during budget season;
- Build off progress and landowner contacts made through channel maintenance efforts;
- Further evaluate flood insurance and in particular, its cost effectiveness vs. constructing projects.

Approval of Minutes – Deferred

Calendar Review

2nd Mondays starting on Feb. 8, 2016, 6-8PM

2016 Objectives/Meeting Agendas

- Tuesday 3/15 – The Workgroup will hold the required public hearing as March 15-21 is National Flood Awareness Month
 - February meeting – we will focus on preparing for the public hearing
 - Promotion – various lists - ECP, Raj list, Lori list
 - Focus of meeting discussed - Promote existing work and solicit work for next steps
 - Venue - Tourism office, Colored School, Upstairs Phoenix, St Paul's, St Peter's – **Bruno to ask about St Peter's and Debbie to ask about St Paul's – St Paul's preferred**
- Future Meeting Objectives
 - Need to add insurance addendum to report and community rating system – **Raj to reach out his FEMA contact** for flood insurance 101 in early Feb – 0.5 hour discussion
 - Public private partnership mechanism – deep dive; PACE program, grants, tax incentives, low income loans, cooperative, cost share
 - What is County working on in 2016 – report due in a week or two on channel wall inventory – **Contractor may be able to give us a short presentation**; floodproofing study – ACOE, READY, DPW – kick off in Feb – could focus on promotional materials, programs – Debbie says that group coordinate with Flood Workgroup and Mark says they will report back; emergency repair in Lot D – one of the stream wall design and construction projects –**simplify chart for the public hearing and/or create an executive summary – Bruno volunteered**
 - Defining what is in Phase II or Phase I extended
 - Prioritize our report recommendations
- Member Updates
 - Discussion on stormwater fee - Workgroup to take no action.